

**Preliminary Amendment
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert before the first line of the specification the following sentence.

This application is the U.S. National Phase of PCT Application Number PCT/GB03/00840, filed on 28 February 2003, which claims priority to GB Application Number 0204803.1, filed 1 March 2002.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 30, and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Conventional fragrance candles have drawbacks because of cost and other considerations. Much of the fragrance incorporated into a conventional fragrance candle is drawn up the wick and combusted during candle burning, leaving only a ~~candle is drawn up the wick and combusted during candle burning, leaving only~~ a relatively small amount of fragrance to evaporate from the molten wax pool and to freshen the surrounding atmosphere. Further, the migration of incorporated fragrance through the solid wax body of an unlit candle is relatively slow and the level of fragrance released is lower than desired. Increasing the amount of fragrance incorporated into the candle to level sufficient to freshen the surrounding atmosphere makes the candle tacky or oily and deprives the candle of sufficient structural properties to enable it to resist damage and stand freely. Conventional fragrance candles are generally therefore protected and supported by a rigid, non-flammable container, typically made of, for example, glass or ceramic.